

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR:

One of the first problems brought to my attention as the new Director of LDS was that a group of about 50 titles that had not been obtained in sufficient quantities for full depository distribution had been sent to Regional Depository Libraries only. The general reaction to this was negative and we have not taken this approach since. We presently have on hand approximately 640 hardcopy titles (including the 50 "regional only" titles) which were received with inadequate stock for full depository distribution.

We have put forth every effort to obtain additional copies but have had success on only a few. Our only cost effective alternative to get this information to you appears to be to convert and distribute in microfiche format. Conversion will obviously cause you some inconvenience, particularly when the publication is part of a serial or continuing type material. However, I have presented this to the Depository Library Advisory Council and have discussed it with many other depository librarians and the unanimous agreement has been that it would be better to have the material in microfiche than not get it at all.

Therefore, we plan to take this approach from now on. In some cases, we will be mixing distribution in order to make use of the hardcopies we did receive. If distribution is mixed, we will make every effort to rotate hardcopy and microfiche among all selective libraries.

Please keep in mind that titles offered for sale in hardcopy through GPO's Sales Program will also be converted to microfiche format whenever we are unable to draw additional copies from the Sales inventory, but that will not mean that the microform version is being sold by this Office.

We will place a notation (Mixed Distribution) on the Shipping List beside any title being distributed in both formats. In addition, the plus (+) symbol will be added to the entry to indicate that the microfiche version is not for sale by the Superintendent of Documents.

Two examples of these Shipping List entries are listed below for your information:

1. 140-A-6 Construction Reports, New One-Family C 3.215/9:80-7
Houses Sold and For Sale, C 25-80-
7, July 1980 (Mixed Distribution)+
2. 142-G New Structures and Equipment by Using C 59.14:35
Industries 1972: Detailed Estimates
and Methodology, BEA-SP 80-035
September 1980, S/N 003-010-00076-7,
+\$5.00, (Mixed Distribution) +

We will continue to make every effort to keep your collection of documents as uniform as possible. Our shortage rate is less than 1 percent, which is very good. However, this still means that we may be talking about as many as 400-500 titles a year that will fall into this category.

DISCONTINUED SERIALS AND PERIODICALS

The following three publications of the National Bureau of Standards Cryogenic Data Center will be discontinued at the end of 1980.

C 13.37/5:(nos.) Superconducting devices & materials (Quarterly)
Non-depository.

C 13.37/6:(nos.) Liquefied natural gas (Quarterly) Non-depository.

C 13.51:(nos.) A biweekly cryogenics current awareness service.
Item 247-E.

CHANGE OCIC SURVEY DEADLINE

The deadline has been extended until December 5, 1980, for the OCIC Survey. Please complete and return the questionnaire to OCIC, 1125 Kinnear Road, Columbus, Ohio 43212.

1981 GPO ORIENTATION FOR DEPOSITORY LIBRARIANS

The monthly "GPO Orientations for Depository Librarians" for March through July 1981 have been filled. Letters of confirmation will be mailed soon to each participant.

To make reservations for the remaining Orientations (August-November 1981) or to be placed on a "wait list" in case of cancellation, submit your request in writing providing a complete mailing address and telephone number with area code as soon as possible to: U. S. Government Printing Office, Attention: Dianne Smith, 5236 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22304, (703) 557-2050. Please indicate your complete mailing address below your signature.

- (FULL) January 28 through 30, 1981 (In conjunction w/ALA Meeting)
- February 1981 - No Orientation Scheduled
- (FULL) March 18 through 20, 1981
- (FULL) April 22 through 24, 1981
- (FULL) May 20 through 22, 1981
- (FULL) June 24 through 26, 1981 (In conjunction w/AALL Nat'l. Convention)
- (FULL) July 22 through 24, 1981
- August 10 through 21, 1981
- September 16 through 18, 1981
- October 14 through 16, 1981
- November 18 through 20, 1981